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Sincerely,

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Herbicides	fomesafen	HRAC 14	X
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Herbicides	acetochlor	HRAC 15	X
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Matt,

Thank you for agreeing to accept service. Syngenta continues to remain willing to work with Atticus regarding Syngenta's subpoena to narrow or eliminate the potential issues that the court must decide as part of our motion to compel. Please let us know if you are interested in discussing.

Thanks,
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Thank you. We confirm that we accept service.

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If we do not receive confirmation of your continued representation by 5PM ET tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, we will serve this on the registered agent of Atticus.

Regards,
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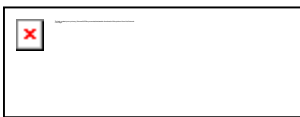
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Thanks, and I hope you have a happy Thanksgiving.

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Thank you for agreeing to accept service. Syngenta continues to remain willing to work with Atticus regarding Syngenta's subpoena to narrow or eliminate the potential issues that the court must decide as part of our motion to compel. Please let us know if you are interested in discussing.

Thanks,
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Thank you. We confirm that we accept service.

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Mr. Dowd and Mr. Gee,

For your records here are the same documents filed last night in the MDL. You will also be receiving all documents filed in both cases in hard copy tomorrow via FedEx.

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Mr. Dowd and Mr. Gee,

Attached please find Syngenta's motion to compel filed today in the above-captioned cases in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina relating to the subpoena issued by Syngenta to your client Atticus, LLC. Please confirm that you still represent Atticus in connection with this subpoena as previously indicated by your acceptance of service of the subpoena and service of Atticus's responses and objections, and please also confirm your ability to accept service of this motion and brief.

If we do not receive confirmation of your continued representation by 5PM ET tomorrow, Tuesday, November 19, 2024, we will serve this on the registered agent of Atticus.

Regards,
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December 6, 2024

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Re: Rule 45 Subpoena to Atticus, LLC in *Federal Trade Commission v. Syngenta Crop Protection AG*, No. 1:22-CV-00828 (M.D.N.C.)

Dear Daniel:

We write on behalf of Atticus, LLC (“Atticus”) to provide Syngenta AG, Syngenta Crop Protection LLC, Syngenta Corp., and Syngenta Crop Protection (“Syngenta”) with an update on Atticus’s objections and response to the Syngenta subpoenas served on Atticus on or around August 6, 2024. This letter continues Atticus’s good-faith effort to resolve the pending dispute concerning the subpoenas. While Atticus maintains its objections to the subpoenas, Atticus remains willing to undertake reasonable efforts for a third party to produce the requested information and documents.

First, as Syngenta certainly understands, Syngenta has an obligation to minimize Atticus’s burden and expenses in responding to a Rule 45 subpoena. Courts are required to allocate costs and fees for significant expenses incurred by a third party. *See, e.g.*, Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(d)(2)(B)(ii); *Linder v. Calero-Porcarrero*, 251 F.3d 178, 182 (D.C. Cir. 2001); *Med. Components, Inc v. Classic Med., Inc.*, 210 F.R.D. 175, 180 n.9 (M.D.N.C. 2002) (“[T]he court should give special weight to the unwanted burden thrust upon non-parties when evaluating the balance of competing needs.” (citing *In re Cusumano v. Microsoft Corp.*, 162 F.3d 708, 717 (1st Cir. 1998))). Given the breadth of Syngenta’s subpoena and the burden imposed by it on Atticus, Atticus intends to seek reimbursement of the anticipated significant costs for responding to the subpoena. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c)(1)(B) (“the allocation of expenses”). Please confirm whether Syngenta will agree to reimburse Atticus for its reasonable costs and expenses for responding to the subpoena.

December 6, 2024
Daniel O'Toole

Second, in response to your November 22, 2024 email, Atticus provides several corrections to your active-ingredient table. Based on our review, Atticus has at one or more times since 2015 sold pesticide products containing one or more of the following active ingredients: azoxystrobin; chlorothalonil; fomesafen; mesotrione; S-metolachlor/metolachlor; paraquat; dicamba; diquat; flumioxazin; glufosinate; metribuzin; sulfentrazone; lambda-cyhalothrin; abamectin; bifenthrin; cyfluthrin; zeta-cypermethrin; deltamethrin; and imidacloprid.

Third, many of Syngenta's proposed search strings are wildly overbroad. For example, Syngenta's proposed Boolean search string for "Product Concerns" seeks a set of twenty-one words located within twenty words of a second set of thirty-one words. Accordingly, this search string alone results in 651 distinct combinations of search terms. The proposed search string for "Relevant Crop Protection Product Business Plans" contains two internal "within" terms that further add to the extraordinary breadth of the proposed search. Indeed, our preliminary analysis of the proposed search strings indicate that such search would identify tens of thousands of documents amounting to hundreds of gigabytes of data. Such a search is plainly not reasonable for a third party.

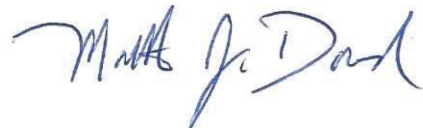
We are willing to meet and confer to discuss options for reaching a reasonable compromise.

Fourth, Atticus confirms that Randy Canady was a custodian of documents produced in response to the FTC's CID. Other custodians of the documents produced in response to the CID will be identifiable in the metadata associated with that production.

Fifth, as requested, please find attached Atticus's current organizational chart, which is being produced as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL—OUTSIDE COUNSEL EYES ONLY, in accordance with the applicable Protective Orders.

Atticus proposes that the parties arrange a meet and confer during the week of December 9, 2024, to continue the parties' ongoing discussion. Please also let us know if there is any further information that Syngenta would like at this time. Thank you again for your patience as Atticus works to prepare a responsive production while minimizing the cost and burden on Atticus as a non-party to this litigation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt J. Dowd".

Matthew J. Dowd

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